

the prune industry. Beginning in 1998, Hans diversified into the raisin and almond industries. He farmed 180 acres at the time of his death.

It goes without saying that Mr. Hans Smith was an honorable man with a commitment to family, friends and Sunsweet that will forever live in the lives of the people he so graciously touched. I am honored and humbled to join his family in celebrating the life of this amazing man who will never be forgotten.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE MENTORING FOR ALL ACT OF 2009

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Mentoring for All Act of 2009 to support and greatly enhance youth mentoring efforts in the United States.

We currently face a mentoring deficit in our country. An estimated 15 million children could benefit from a healthy mentoring relationship, but no responsible adult mentor is available. We would see amazing results by reducing this deficit.

In fact, studies show the benefits of youth mentoring on our children. Those who have a healthy mentoring relationship are more likely to graduate from high school and go to college. They are less likely to turn to drugs or substance abuse. Children who grow up with a caring mentor are more likely to live full and productive lives.

The Mentoring for All Act will increase the number of children who will benefit from a responsible mentor and improve the quality of our mentoring programs nationwide.

Specifically, "Mentoring Partnerships" are the central entity providing assistance and guidance to the youth mentoring organizations within a state or region. This legislation will strengthen mentoring programs on both the local and state levels by supporting Mentoring Partnerships.

A Mentoring Partnership provides training and technical assistance, recruits mentors, engages statewide leadership, and advances research and knowledge for successful mentoring. That is, the partnerships support local organizations that operate mentoring programs and provide in most cases a state-wide infrastructure network to coordinate success. The partnerships have led to stronger mentoring programs and more children in healthy mentoring relationships.

This legislation will provide grants to Mentoring Partnerships and sub-grants to local mentoring organizations to directly support youth mentoring. In addition, the legislation will connect individual state Mentoring Partnerships to a central location through the Corporation for National and Community Service, increasing communication and information sharing nationwide for successful outcomes.

Madam Speaker, investing in youth mentoring programs is a worthy endeavor. It is time we acted to provide a mentor to our children in need of a responsible role model. Thank you very much for considering this legislation.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MARY BONO MACK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009:

1) Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Development, Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources Account

Entity Requesting: Rancho California Water District (RCWD), 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, CA 92590

Description of Earmark:

RCWD's project will substantially expand use of recycled and raw water in Riverside County, free up treated water to serve 70,000 new households in Southern California by converting agricultural demands from treated to recycled and raw water, shifting 144 cfs peak demand off MWD's treated water system, providing for additional recycled water reuse of 16,000 AF/year, relieving pressure from the Bay Delta and Colorado River, increasing annual storage by 10,000 AF/year, reducing carbon emissions by 4.9 million pounds/year. RCWD completed a feasibility study, which ensured viability of the project and was approved by Bureau of Reclamation (2007).

RCWD's Fiscal Year 2009 \$50,000 allocation will go toward design and construction—already underway this year—of a 48-inch pipeline to expand local recycled and raw water resources.

Spending Plan:

Project Expenditures—

RCWD's Fiscal Year 2009 \$50,000 amount will go toward design and construction—already underway this year—of a 48-inch pipeline to expand local recycled and raw water resources. The total cost for this phase of the project is estimated at \$28,000,000. The federal funding allocation will receive a non-federal/local match of \$26,000,000, or 92 percent. The non-federal funding match is provided by RCWD. Federal funds will be used for final design and beginning construction of the 48-inch pipeline to transport raw water from MWD's aqueduct for storage in Vail Lake.

2) Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Development, Corps of Engineers, Construction Account

Entity Requesting: Eastern Municipal Water District, 2270 Trumble Road, P.O. Box 8300, Perris, CA 92572-8300

Description of Earmark:

\$946,000 is provided for a project that will produce potable water from an otherwise unusable groundwater resource through the construction of a three million-gallon per day (MGD) reverse osmosis desalter, feed-water pipelines, and brackish water wells in the Perris South sub-basin. In addition to reducing future demand for imported water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Colorado River, project benefits include salinity management for expanded water recycling and protection of high-quality groundwater in basins adjacent to the South Perris Basin.

The Perris II Desalter is a vital component of Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) desalination program which will ultimately generate up to 12,000 acre-feet per year of potable water and remove 50,000 tons of salt out of the basin every year. Projects such as this will move EMWD toward its goal of drought-proofing its region and providing reliability and flexibility to its water supply. EMWD has received funding authorization under P.L. 106-554, Div. B, Sec. 108 (d)(52) for implementation of the desalination program.

#### Spending Plan

Project Expenditures:

Total Project Cost ..... \$30,000,000

Total State/Local Contribution .....

FY09 State/Local Contribution .....

FY09 Federal Funding ..... \$500,000

FY09 Federal Funding ..... \$946,000

3) Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Development, Corps of Engineers, Investigations Account

Entity Requesting: Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Earmark:

\$215,000 is provided for the Heacock and Cactus Channels project that will provide flood control through the widening and deepening of the channels, as well as construction of facilities designed to safely convey the tributary flows to a currently existing ultimate outlet downstream. A reduction in flooding will not only benefit the local community whose drains back up during storms, but it would also allow March Air Reserve Base to better safeguard its equipment and infrastructure from flood waters and ensure that the military's readiness for overseas deployment at this facility is not adversely affected.

Funds will be used to award and construct the project. At this time, the Corps has already completed an Initial Appraisal Report and Project Management Plan under its Section 205 Program, as well as executed a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement that would take into account the federal benefits that would accrue as a result of this project, which have been estimated to be as much as 75 percent.

#### Spending Plan

Project Expenditures:

Total Project Cost ..... \$30,000,000

Federal Share ..... \$28,400,000

Non-Federal Share ..... \$1,600,000

Requesting Member: MARY BONO MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Development, Corps of Engineers, Construction Account

Entity Requesting: Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Description of Earmark:

\$3,349,000 is provided and will be used to award and construct the project's entire Phase II reach, which includes protection for Old Town Temecula, as well as to complete the Design Documentation Report and the preparation of plans and specifications for Phase III's Multi-Purpose Detention Basin.

The Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project will provide 100-year flood control, environmental restoration and recreation benefits to the cities of Murrieta and Temecula. The project, which will be constructed in four distinct phases, will include a 250 acre detention basin to attenuate flows from the over 150